

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2017-2-E ORDER NO. 2018-49-H

APRIL 25, 2018

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of Counsel for Hannah Solar, LLC (“Hannah Solar”) for an Extension of Time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”)

STANDING HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

Counsel for Hannah Solar requests an extension of time from April 27, 2018 until and including August 25, 2018 to connect its solar facilities at Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc. location at 1760 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407. Counsel notes that in Order No. 2018-189, the Commission granted SolBright from April 27, 2018 to August 25, 2018 to connect to SCE&G’s facilities, and the Commission invited other entities similarly situated to request similar relief from it. Counsel also notes that the relief requested is similar to that granted in Order No. 2018-39-H. Counsel further notes that, as a similarly situated entity, Hannah Solar requests the same relief.

Hannah Solar has a significant financial interest in the timely completion of the construction of these facility, according to counsel. However, counsel notes that Hannah Solar has encountered time delays beyond its control and now realizes that it cannot connect its solar facilities to SCE&G’s system in compliance with the April 27, 2018 date established in Order No. 2017-246.

The Commission had previously acted to grant interested parties time to implement solar development. Commission Order No. 2017-246 allowed customers already approved by SCE&G to participate in the Bill Credit Agreement for Renewable Energy Facilities (“BCA”) program an additional twelve (12) months to successfully interconnect infrastructure facilities to SCE&G’s system. SCE&G’s customers currently have until April 27, 2018, to interconnect with SCE&G. Counsel for Hannah Solar states that

SCE&G consents to its request for an extension from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018 for the facilities. Counsel notes his belief that no other party or entity will be prejudiced or adversely affected by this request, and that the expansion of solar generation is in the public interest. Accordingly, for the reasons set out, Hannah Solar requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018, to connect its solar facilities at Haverty's to SCE&G.

After consideration of the reasoning set out by counsel for Hannah Solar, the request for extension is hereby granted. Clearly, Hannah Solar is in circumstances similar to those that the Commission considered in the Solbright Energy Order, Order No. 2018-189, and to the circumstances found in Order No. 2018-39-H. Further, SCE&G consents to the requested extension, and the two locations are aware of the request. Accordingly, the extension requested by Hannah Solar from April 27, 2018, until and including August 25, 2018 to connect to SCE&G is granted.